

is in the jurisdiction of the NRD board and likely is likely that I have never heard of the NRD board and don't really have any idea what it is. In the meantime the funds are very likely not going to be spent in my district if I am living in one of the districts that has 49,000 people in it or 53,000 people in it or 73,000 people in it as opposed to a district with 1,300 or 2,200 or 6,900 people. So we have terrible accountability problems. There is no one individual that will represent the interests of my neighborhood on the NRD board. Now what Senator Wesely's and my amendment will do to cure this problem is for both the Omaha and Lincoln area, we reduce the number of members of the board to seven and we elect them from seven discreet districts, seven separate districts of equal population, roughly equal population, just like we elect members of the Legislature, just like we elect members of the county board or the city council. I shouldn't say the county board in Douglas County because that is elected at large but like we elect the City Council in Omaha or like we elect the school board in Omaha. I plead with those of you who are not going to be affected by this bill as amended to allow us to take care of this terrible problem in Douglas County that deteriorates the accountability of the NRD board that sets up the worst askewed one man, one vote situation that I have ever seen since I have been down here and allows us to elect NRD boards in Lancaster County and Douglas County that will be more accountable than the ones we have right now. So with that, Mr. Speaker, I would move the adoption of the Hoagland-Wesely amendment to LB 232. Thank you.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Senator Lamb, did you wish to speak to the Hoagland amendment? Okay.

SENATOR LAMB: Mr. President and members, I wish that Senator Kremer were here because he can remember and he was involved in the creation of the Natural Resources Districts. He understood the agreements that were made at that time and he would be standing up here as I am now opposing this amendment and also opposing the bill, I am sure. Actually, as I see it, there is no problem. If Senator Hoagland or someone else does not know who their NRD representative is, there is listed in the telephone book the Natural Resources District and all you have to do is pick up the phone and you can find out who your representative is. There is nothing